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NOTIFICATION

Promoting cultivation of bamboos in private, non-forest & agricultural areas would be facilitated if the regulations on cutting, transport and use of bamboos under the Forests laws are relaxed and made more conducive to the development of bamboos. The Export of bamboos would provide better return and market to the framers. In this respect vide circular no. 12/F /FEWD, dated 4.4.2001, the royalty imposed on villagers for bamboos for their bonafide use had been withdrawn and had been made free, but for commercial/ industrial use purposes supplied by the villagers the existing rate of royalty continue. To promote the bamboo cultivation on private lands as well as on Forest lands through the JFMCs and EDC's, the State Government has decided the followings in respect of bamboos development, marketing, transport and export of bamboos:

- (i) For bonafide use by villagers from private holding, it would be free of royalty and for commercial sale/ Industrial use, the existing rate of royalty would continue. Those villagers/persons who are the members of JFMCs/ EDC's and have actively been involved in forest protection and conservation would get 50% concession on existing rate of royalty on bamboos from their private holdings on sale.
- (ii) For bamboos extracted from the forest areas, the existing rate of royalty would continue.
- (iii) All transit permits for bamboos within state shall be issued by the Divisional Forest Officer (T) concerned after the verification report from the concerned Range and Panchayats as per the (i) & (ii) above.
- (iv) The export of bamboos and bamboo product out side the state shall be permitted on the existing rate of royalty and the export license, and permit would be issued by the office of the Conservator of Forest (Territorial). The License fee charged shall be the rate of royalty of bamboo as per the quantity of license required by the licensee per year.

This shall be effective from 1st April 2004.

By Order.

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